GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2187
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CRIME ON HIGHWAYS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government are aware that crimes on Highways are increasing in the country;

(b) if so, the details of Highway crimes reported during the past 3 years, year-wise;

(c) whether the Union Government have set up a cell to deal with Highway crimes;

(d) if so, the role played by the cell to curb crimes; and

(e) the other steps Union Government propose to take up with the State Governments in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI)

(a)&(b): As per the information given by the National Crime Records Bureau, the number of crimes on Highways during the years 1999, 2000 and 2001 are 14,937, 16,259 and 15,147, respectively.

(c)&(d): No, Sir.

(e): `Police` and `Public Order` are State subjects as per the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India. The detection, registration, investigation and prevention of crimes are primarily the responsibilities of the State Governments. However, the Government have advised the State Governments to give more focused attention to stopping crimes on Highways.